18 Mar '69

Dear Harold,

Yes we wd like copy COUP D'ETAT (wd like one to keep when you can spare one); it better have an index.

I don't know anything abt Ray except what it says in the latest HARD TIMES (formerly MAYDAY) March 17-24: "The FBI quietly reentered the King murder case after Ray was sentenced. The agents are picking up conspiracy threads and the trail is expected to lead to New Orleans."

No you hav not sent us FBI report in re Shaw & Cobb. Please do.

I am informed - this is second hand info - that the Internatl Trade Mart is a "non-profit organization". If so, this is again second hand, "Form 990-A, from the offices of the Internal Revenue Service, can be of great value in investigating tax-exempt organizations such as foundations...."

You shd also write to the SEC in Washington for the annual report of Bloomfield Building Industries Inc for 1963 (costs approx 10¢/page).

I recall, vaguely, Guardian story abt Shaw & Rome "neo-facist" outfit. But can't seem to find a copy on hand in morass of papers. Perhaps you wd send xerox when you come across yours. Anything from the Guardian i think shd be double-checkt.

Yes i'd like to do story on ITM.

A couple of things that wd facilitate matters - use full complete names including initials, also you shd tell me whether you hav already gone thru the standard sources, i.e., WHO'S WHO, POOR'S, MOODY'S, & WALL STREET JOURNAL & NEW YORK TIMES indexes, which will save me repeating yr work.

NACLA didn't hav anything on Gaudet. (They operate more on the Rockefeller & Morgan & Mellon level. Big time stuff.)

We were a bit shook when Bethel was arrested (we were casual drinking acquaintances). In retrospect it becomes clearer why he never wd talk to us abt the investigation. Saw him last nite in a bar. He apparently believes Shaw innocent, and that Oswald & Ferrie never knew each other.

keep in touch, Bob

Bob